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SUBJECT:PROPOSED PUBLICATION OF SANTIAGO AFSA DIRECTORY

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY VIEW THAT PUBLICATION OF UNOFFICIAL AFSA DIRECTORY WOULD BE CLEARLY CONTRADICTORY WITH OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE SAFETY OF U.S. PERSONNEL ABROAD. (AS EMBASSY AWARE FROM PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED SECURITY GUIDELINES, ALPHABETICAL LISTS OF PERSONNEL MAY BE PREPARED SHOWING OFFICE EXTENSION, BUT WHICH DO NOT IDENTIFY FUNCTION OR SHOW RESIDENCE ADDRESS OR HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER.)

2. AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD RESOLVING THIS DIFFERENCE, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS IN MOST APPROPRIATE MANNER TO AFSA CHAPTER:

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--THAT THIS IS A MATTER OF UTMOST GRAVITY, WHOSE OUTCOME

COULD HAVE SERIOUS AND POSSIBLY TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES;
--THAT ISSUE CONCERNS SECURITY AND SAFETY OF USG PERSONNEL,
NOT EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS;

-- THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT CONCUR IN OPPOSITION TO THE
PROPOSED DIRECTORY;

-- THAT CHAPTER AND ITS OFFICERS WOULD ASSUME MOST SERIOUS
RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF AN INCIDENT AGAINST USG
PERSONNEL. AFSA PERSONNEL SHOULD BE URGED BY AMBASSADOR
TO DEFER ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE THE SAFETY OF
AMERICANS IN CHILE OR ELSEWHERE.

3. PLEASE REPORT AFSA CHAPTER'S REACTIONS TO THESE
POINTS, TO ENABLE US TO DISCUSS QUESTION FURTHER WITH
AFSA/WASHINGTON.

4. FYI ONLY: AMBASSADOR WOULD BE WITHIN HIS STATUTORY
AUTHORITY IN INSTRUCTING EMBASSY OFFICERS IN AFSA CHAPTER
NOT TO PUBLISH THE DIRECTORY. IN VIEW OF SPECIAL CIRCUM-
STANCES THIS CASE, INVOLVING SAFETY OF OFFICIAL USG
PERSONNEL AND FACT THAT ISSUE IS UNRELATED TO EMPLOYEE-
MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, AMBASSADOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR
MANAGEMENT OF EMBASSY WOULD SUPPORT ISSUANCE OF LAWFUL
ORDER FORBIDDING PUBLICATION OF DIRECTORY. IN DEPART-
MENT'S VIEW, THIS WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE PROPER BASIS FOR
UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE ACTION BY AFSA. THIS FURTHER STEP
SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. AFTER AMBASSADOR HAS
MADE POINTS TO AFSA CHAPTER OUTLINED PARA 2 ABOVE (WHICH
ARE IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH FOUNDATION FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE
DIRECT ORDER), AND DEPENDING ON AFSA CHAPTER'S REACTION,
DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE ON WHETHER AMBASSADOR SHOULD
FORBID PUBLICATION OF DIRECTORY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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